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Ms. Dey:

Attached is the Declaration for the above patent application.

Regards,

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**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR**

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I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventors named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,848,492, granted December 15, 1998 and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled AGRICULTURAL METHODS WITH SUPERHEATED STEAM.

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.☒ was filed on December 15, 2000 as reissue application number 09/735,186

and was amended on December 15, 2000, February 16, 2001, January 31, 2002, December 12, 2002, May 28, 2003, December 22, 2003, July 29, 2004, and January 4, 2005.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56

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I verify believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

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This is a broadening reissue application. The patentee believes that the insufficiency in the claims is that the limitation of delivering superheated steam to defoliate grape vines, as in Claim 11, should have been claimed more broadly.

The following newly presented independent claims are similar to the original Claim 11, and recite delivering steam to other plants. Specifically:

Claims 22-29 are directed to delivering superheated steam to a plant having a graft;

Claims 30-36 are directed to delivering superheated steam adjacent to a graft; and

Claims 37-43 are directed to delivering superheated steam to fumigate a plant.

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